religious processions by any community as it done in Indonesia; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Public order is a State subject as it is included in List-H-State list of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. However, the Central Government has from time to time issued guidelines to the States/UTs. about the ways and means to prevent comtnunal disturbances and promote communal harmony. These guidelines include *inter-alia* measures relating to religious processions and other factors contributing to communal disturbances.

Funds to Tamil Nadu for modernisation of Police Force

1054. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide adequate funds to the Tamilnadu Government for modernisation of the police force launched by the State at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.45 crores; and

(b) if so, by when the funds would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) As a special case, a sum of Rs. 10 crores was sanctioned and released to the State in October, 1991. In addition, under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, a sum of Rs. 131.17 lakhs has been released to the State Government during the current financial year.

Activities of Chinese spies in Himachal Pradesh

1055. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "News Beat" which appeared in the Sunday dated 9—15th February, 1992 regarding the fact that the Chinese spies mingle with Tibetan refugees in Himachal Pradesh and some Tibetan refugees supply classified information to the Chinese; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. IACOB): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

भारत रत्न दिए जाने के लिए मानदण्ड

1056. श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत रत्न पुरस्कार दिये जाने के लिये क्या मानदण्ड हैं ; और

(ख) इस वर्ष भारत रत्न दिये जाने के लिये कौन कौन से मानदण्ड अपनाये गये थे ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब) : (क) "भारतरत्न" पुरस्कार, किसी भी व्यक्ति को, चाहे वह किसी भी जाति, व्यवसाय, हैसियत अथवा सैक्स का हो, कला, साहित्य तथा विज्ञान की प्रगति के लिए की गई विशिष्ट सेवा के सम्मानार्थ तथा उत्कृष्ट जनसेवा के सम्मानार्थ भारत के राष्ट्रपति द्वारा प्रदान किया जाता है ।

(ख) जैसा उक्त (क) में है ।